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Title: DIGITAL RECORDING/PLAYBACK APPARATUS

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 20 pages, including 4 independent claims and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings- 5 sheets of drawings containing 11 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-398855, filed December 27, 2000.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 1 document attached.
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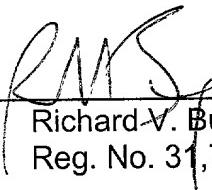
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